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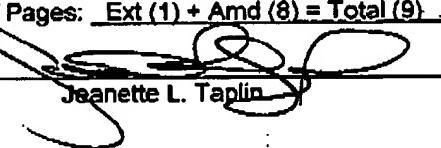
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING BACK-UP  
CAPABILITY IN A  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Jeanette L. Taplin**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**  
**to May 22, 2006 Non-Final Office Action**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. It is believed no claims fee is due at this time. A petition for extension of time for one month is provided herewith:

**Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**